4 November 1966

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Training

SUBJECT : Initial Comments on the Career Training Program

- l. Attached, as promised, are some initial comments on the first couple of weeks of the Career Training Program as I have seen them. I call them "initial" comments because I find a certain difficulty in commenting broadly on part of a program until I am prepared to comment on the whole.
- 2. So far as my look at the "DDI image" as projected in the initial part of the CT program is concerned, the "image" is reasonably good. I have recommended dropping of a training film; I have made some specific comments and suggestions to the Orientation and Briefing Faculty; and where I thought it necessary I have reported back to the DDI Offices which had less than good speakers representing them at the course. But all in all I see no basic problem here.
- 3. Although I do not know all there is to know about the CTP, and I may yet be under some serious misapprehensions, I do find myself considering some rather basic questions about the CTP. I will later be addressing some of these questions in more detail, and I realize anything more I add here may prove to have been born of ignorance. However, for what they may be worth to you as reflecting the views of one observer who has been looking at the program, I add the following questions and comments:
 - a. Is the CTP designed to fit for the Agency as it is? Are we training Agency assets or Directorate/Office assets? The answers to these questions will obviously affect one's views about the content and length and appropriateness of any particular segment of the program. In some respects it would seem to me at this point that the CT program is designed in part at least around a concept of the Agency which is not real.
 - b. The training program seems to me unnecessarily fragmented and to lack a unifying theme and purpose. Some cases in point: The CTs are introduced to substantive basic and current intelligence in

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the initial two weeks of their course, but apparently no effort is made to continue the exposure to comments on world affairs generally throughout the course. The CTs are introduced to the Agency and the Intelligence Community at the beginning of their training, but, so far as I know, this is the last big-picture presentation; some review of this initial matter would seem to be in place during the training of the CTs, if for no other reason than to put the training into the total perspective.

c. The CT training program does not seem to have a central direction -that is, an office or person who looks at the total package put
together by the various individual faculties and who says whether
the total is good or bad, even though it is the total we are interested
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